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## PATENT APPLICATION

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Ken-ichiro NAKAMOTO, et al.

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For: MODIFIED BIO-RELATED SUBSTANCE, PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE  
SAME, AND INTERMEDIATE

### STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The undersigned respectfully requests to be advised of the status of the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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